

## WOULD PUSH PUBLIC WORKS

### THE ETHICAL-SOCIAL LEAGUE'S REMEDY FOR UNEMPLOYMENT.

Comptroller's Experts Tell Him the City on April 1 Was in a Position to Borrow Only \$10,000,000 to \$12,000,000—To be Increased July 1 by \$50,000,000.

The Ethical-Social League held its second conference at the Hotel Astor yesterday afternoon to discuss the lack of employment. Those who spoke included the Rev. Dr. George William Knox, acting president of the United Theological Seminary, Dr. Frank J. Warne, Dr. Lee K. Frankel, manager of the United Hebrew Charities, Robert Hunter, Marcus M. Marks, Charles Sprague Smith and Dr. John Bates Clark of Columbia University.

Dr. Warne objected to the prosecution of municipal works as a means of relief, saying that this would mean an immediate check to the homeward rush of laborers to Europe and would be of no benefit here.

Dr. Frankel said that the relief solution could never be a solution. "The wonder is not that there have been so many applications for relief," said he, "but that we have had so few. The American workman in New York is finding other resources than charity to tide him over the present period of distress."

"The question is largely a matter of underemployment and underpayment. After careful investigation by competent persons it has been estimated that \$800 is the very least a family of five persons can live on in any decency whatever in this city, and decency is relative. The old idea of the \$2-a-day man doesn't hold. The scale of \$12 a week gives such a family just enough to hold boys together and cover it, with not a dollar for medicines or recreation or the long rainy day of this winter."

Farther Socialist Hunter came late and departed early. Indeed he vanished from the public view quickly after closing his speech. He prefaced his remarks with the statement, which caused mild conjecture and amusement, that "we have agreed on honor not to consider the fundamentals."

He mentioned in this discussion, "so he barely mentioned the social policy of the League," and he said that while he had understood that the authorities here had been restricting public works because of the panic, in Europe, precisely the contrary policy was pursued. At such times it was the custom and practice there to push public works, building bridges and buildings which would be required at a later period.

Mr. Marks appealed, he said, as a man, as a citizen and as a merchant, not to employ to keep workmen employed even if only on part time instead of pursuing the customary policy at times of business depression. For, he said, not only was half a loaf better than none, but the merchant's position was influenced by the general situation around him. If employees were kept at work, even part of the time, the general situation was to that extent benefited and the merchant would profit by it.

The conference adopted resolutions in which it was stated that 200,000 or more persons were out of employment in this city, including some 30,000 homeless men, presumably belonging to the class of vagrants, and that the consequences of this state of affairs are widespread distress of body and mind and the frequent demoralization of character. The resolutions also stated that the fact that public works involving an expenditure of \$100,000,000 have been authorized and the money therefor appropriated. The resolutions urged that State and Federal officials immediately undertake public works, demand the establishment of State farms for vagrants, call upon the Governor and Legislature to institute an inquiry into the causes of the recurring periods of distress entailing non-employment and urge corporations and individuals to employ workmen on reduced time rather than dismiss them or close down.

The financial experts of Comptroller Metz's office have been at work on a statement showing the present indebtedness and resources of the city. Mr. Metz thinks the statement will show that on April 1 the city's debt incurring capacity was between \$10,000,000 and \$12,000,000. On July 1 \$50,000,000 would be added to this borrowing margin.

The Comptroller sent a letter yesterday to Fred R. Conant, the secretary of the Ethical-Social League, saying:

Approximately \$100,000,000 worth of contracts have been registered in this office from January 1 to the closing of business, day, April 6.

These \$100,000,000 of contracts were for construction of buildings, bridges, sewers, pipes and roads, and for repaving of streets and for water purposes. In addition to this we are certifying from \$200,000 to \$500,000 worth of contracts every day. All those contracts that were advertised are being cleaned up as rapidly as the sureties are available.

Witness in Fischer-Hansen Case Found. Antony Macaluso, the boy to whom Joseph E. O'Brien, a decorator of Philadelphia, wrote letters in the case in which Carl Fischer-Hansen, a lawyer, has been indicted for extorting money from O'Brien, was brought to the District Attorney's office yesterday. He was paroled in the custody of his lawyer, Carl Fischer-Hansen.

Session as a witness. Macaluso was found in a seven room apartment in East Seventeenth street, where he lived at considerable expense. Macaluso made a statement to Assistant District Attorney Smyth.

**Court Calendars This Day.**  
Supreme Court—Appellate Division—Nos. 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 223, 224, 225, 226, 227, 228, 229, 230, 231, 232, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 238, 239, 240, 241, 242, 243, 244, 245, 246, 247, 248, 249, 250, 251, 252, 253, 254, 255, 256, 257, 258, 259, 260, 261, 262, 263, 264, 265, 266, 267, 268, 269, 270, 271, 272, 273, 274, 275, 276, 277, 278, 279, 280, 281, 282, 283, 284, 285, 286, 287, 288, 289, 290, 291, 292, 293, 294, 295, 296, 297, 298, 299, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 305, 306, 307, 308, 309, 310, 311, 312, 313, 314, 315, 316, 317, 318, 319, 320, 321, 322, 323, 324, 325, 326, 327, 328, 329, 330, 331, 332, 333, 334, 335, 336, 337, 338, 339, 340, 341, 342, 343, 344, 345, 346, 347, 348, 349, 350, 351, 352, 353, 354, 355, 356, 357, 358, 359, 360, 361, 362, 363, 364, 365, 366, 367, 368, 369, 370, 371, 372, 373, 374, 375, 376, 377, 378, 379, 380, 381, 382, 383, 384, 385, 386, 387, 388, 389, 390, 391, 392, 393, 394, 395, 396, 397, 398, 399, 400, 401, 402, 403, 404, 405, 406, 407, 408, 409, 410, 411, 412, 413, 414, 415, 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423, 424, 425, 426, 427, 428, 429, 430, 431, 432, 433, 434, 435, 436, 437, 438, 439, 440, 441, 442, 443, 444, 445, 446, 447, 448, 449, 450, 451, 452, 453, 454, 455, 456, 457, 458, 459, 460, 461, 462, 463, 464, 465, 466, 467, 468, 469, 470, 471, 472, 473, 474, 475, 476, 477, 478, 479, 480, 481, 482, 483, 484, 485, 486, 487, 488, 489, 490, 491, 492, 493, 494, 495, 496, 497, 498, 499, 500, 501, 502, 503, 504, 505, 506, 507, 508, 509, 510, 511, 512, 513, 514, 515, 516, 517, 518, 519, 520, 521, 522, 523, 524, 525, 526, 527, 528, 529, 530, 531, 532, 533, 534, 535, 536, 537, 538, 539, 540, 541, 542, 543, 544, 545, 546, 547, 548, 549, 550, 551, 552, 553, 554, 555, 556, 557, 558, 559, 560, 561, 562, 563, 564, 565, 566, 567, 568, 569, 570, 571, 572, 573, 574, 575, 576, 577, 578, 579, 580, 581, 582, 583, 584, 585, 586, 587, 588, 589, 590, 591, 592, 593, 594, 595, 596, 597, 598, 599, 600, 601, 602, 603, 604, 605, 606, 607, 608, 609, 610, 611, 612, 613, 614, 615, 616, 617, 618, 619, 620, 621, 622, 623, 624, 625, 626, 627, 628, 629, 630, 631, 632, 633, 634, 635, 636, 637, 638, 639, 640, 641, 642, 643, 644, 645, 646, 647, 648, 649, 650, 651, 652, 653, 654, 655, 656, 657, 658, 659, 660, 661, 662, 663, 664, 665, 666, 667, 668, 669, 670, 671, 672, 673, 674, 675, 676, 677, 678, 679, 680, 681, 682, 683, 684, 685, 686, 687, 688, 689, 690, 691, 692, 693, 694, 695, 696, 697, 698, 699, 700, 701, 702, 703, 704, 705, 706, 707, 708, 709, 710, 711, 712, 713, 714, 715, 716, 717, 718, 719, 720, 721, 722, 723, 724, 725, 726, 727, 728, 729, 730, 731, 732, 733, 734, 735, 736, 737, 738, 739, 740, 741, 742, 743, 744, 745, 746, 747, 748, 749, 750, 751, 752, 753, 754, 755, 756, 757, 758, 759, 760, 761, 762, 763, 764, 765, 766, 767, 768, 769, 770, 771, 772, 773, 774, 775, 776, 777, 778, 779, 780, 781, 782, 783, 784, 785, 786, 787, 788, 789, 790, 791, 792, 793, 794, 795, 796, 797, 798, 799, 800, 801, 802, 803, 804, 805, 806, 807, 808, 809, 810, 811, 812, 813, 814, 815, 816, 817, 818, 819, 820, 821, 822, 823, 824, 825, 826, 827, 828, 829, 830, 831, 832, 833, 834, 835, 836, 837, 838, 839, 840, 841, 842, 843, 844, 845, 846, 847, 848, 849, 850, 851, 852, 853, 854, 855, 856, 857, 858, 859, 860, 861, 862, 863, 864, 865, 866, 867, 868, 869, 870, 871, 872, 873, 874, 875, 876, 877, 878, 879, 880, 881, 882, 883, 884, 885, 886, 887, 888, 889, 890, 891, 892, 893, 894, 895, 896, 897, 898, 899, 900, 901, 902, 903, 904, 905, 906, 907, 908, 909, 910, 911, 912, 913, 914, 915, 916, 917, 918, 919, 920, 921, 922, 923, 924, 925, 926, 927, 928, 929, 930, 931, 932, 933, 934, 935, 936, 937, 938, 939, 940, 941, 942, 943, 944, 945, 946, 947, 948, 949, 950, 951, 952, 953, 954, 955, 956, 957, 958, 959, 960, 961, 962, 963, 964, 965, 966, 967, 968, 969, 970, 971, 972, 973, 974, 975, 976, 977, 978, 979, 980, 981, 982, 983, 984, 985, 986, 987, 988, 989, 990, 991, 992, 993, 994, 995, 996, 997, 998, 999, 1000.

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